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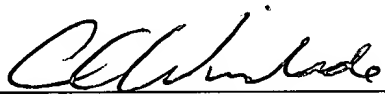
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In the section entitled "Domestic Priority data as claimed by Applicant" please delete "03/04/2000" and insert --03/14/2000--

A copy of the Official Filing Receipt reflecting all changes in red is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Also enclosed is a copy of a Decision Granting Petition on a "Petition to Correct

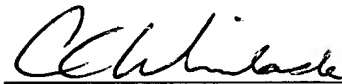
Filing Date" granting a filing date of March 14, 2000 for application number 60/189,293 in which the present application claims benefit.

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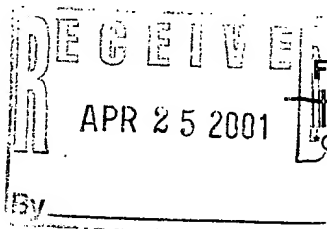
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THIS APPLN CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/189,293 03/04/2000*
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Sound reproduction method and apparatus for assessing real-world performance of hearing and hearing aids

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Robert B. Schulein et al.	:	DECISION GRANTING
Application No. 60/189,293	:	PETITION
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This is a decision on the paper styled "Petition To Correct Filing Date" filed March 15, 2001, which is properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.10(d), requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of March 14, 2000, rather than the presently accorded filing date of March 4, 2000.

Applicants request the later filing date on the basis that the application was purportedly deposited in Express Mail service on March 14, 2000, pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.10. However, the Express Mail label No. EL026006986US, also identified in the original application papers, shows a "date-in" of March 4, 2000. Applicants allege that the date of mailing shown by the Express Mail receipt is a U.S. Postal Service (USPS) error and the correct date of mailing is March 14, 2000.

While there is no corroborating evidence from the USPS, petitioner submits supporting declarations from Christopher C. Winslade, counsel of record; Margaret A. Mitchell, the docketing paralegal; Del Ellis, secretary for Christopher C. Winslade, and Robert S. Schulein, one of the inventors, all declaring that the Express Mail package in question was deposited in the USPS on March 14, 2000. The petition is also accompanied by a time and services report for March 14, 2000, and copies from the computer docketing system of the docket entries for the above-identified application.

A review of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) USPS Express Mail Information Database confirms that an Express Mail

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package No. EL026006986US was accepted by the USPS on March 14, 2000 at 6:51 pm and delivered to the USPTO at 11:00 am on March 15, 2000. (See enclosed copy of the record.) Accordingly, it is concluded that the "date-in" shown on the Express Mail label is incorrect and that the correct date of deposit in Express Mail service is March 14, 2000.

In view of the above, the application is entitled to a filing date of March 14, 2000. The petition is granted.

The application is being returned to Initial Patent Examination Division for correction of the filing date to March 14, 2000.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Wan Laymon at (703) 306-5685.



Sherry Brinkley
Petitions Examiner
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Enclosure: USPTO's USPS Express Mail Information

USPTO's USPS Express Mail Information Database

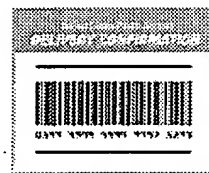


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